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IN OFF-THE-RECORD REMARKS JANUARY 23 TO JOHN COOLEY, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, SHAH SAID HE WAS SURE THAT KUWAIT HAD BEEN BEHIND "ARAB GULF NEWS AGENCY" INCIDENT. WHEN COOLEY COUNTERED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FROM KUWAITI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER THAT IRAQ HAD PROMOTED OFFENSIVE NAME IN ORDER TO CAUSE DIFFICULTY BETWEEN KUWAIT AND IRAN, AND THEREBY PREVENT IRAN FROM ASSISTING KUWAIT IN ITS RECURRENT PROBLEMS WITH IRAQ, SHAH COMPLETELY DISMISSED THAT SUGGESTION. HE SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THAT KUWAIT WAS RESPONSIBLE BUT COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY IT HAD DELIBERATELY WISHED TO OFFEND IRAN. MIKLOS

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